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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5725.1226-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Vincent DE LAFORCADE et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 3732  
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Application No.: 10/619,612 ) Examiner: Robyn K. DOAN  
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Filed: July 16, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 6532  
)  
For: APPLICATOR NOZZLE AND )  
APPLICATOR ASSEMBLY )  
INCORPORATING SUCH A )  
NOZZLE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action dated March 8, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I: Claims 1-23 and 39-110, and Group II: Claims 24-38.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-23 and 39-110, drawn to an applicator nozzle and applicator assembly.

If a telephone conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney (571-203-2774).

The Office Action includes statements reflecting possible characteristics of the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is mentioned specifically herein, Applicants decline to subscribe to any characterization of the claims.


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 31, 2006

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